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Date: April 20, 2006

To: Councilmember Peter Steinbrueck

From: Barbara Wilson, Seattle Planning Commission Executive Director

Subject: Request for Planning Commission Review of Adult Cabaret Proposed Legislation

The Planning Commission is pleased to assist you and the members of the Seattle City Council in your review of proposed legislation (C.B. 115522) to amend the Land Use Code to regulate adult cabarets. We appreciate that the Council has been presented with a very difficult task and the Commission is happy to offer its expertise in helping you to make an informed rational decision.

The Planning Commission is an independent citizen volunteer advisory body that provides recommendations to city officials on broad planning goals, policies and plans for the physical development of the City. The Planning Commission is a group of dedicated individuals who bring forth their collective knowledge and expertise in creating their advise. This collective knowledge includes background in land use law, neighborhood planning, environmental impact analysis, economic and community development, land use and transportation planning, affordable housing, architecture, historic preservation, among others. Much of this background and experience will come to bear in the Commissions review of C.B. 115522.

The Commissions executive committee met on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss your request at which time we had a preliminary briefing from Council central staff. The Commission approach to this review will be to convene an ad-hoc SPC committee to begin reviewing the proposal immediately. The full Commission will review this at their May 11<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting but we are unsure at this point when we will have a final response to your April 14<sup>th</sup> request. The Commission will likely look at the rational basis for this proposal as compared to other options and will explore the assumptions and criteria that were used by the Executive staff in choosing this alternative over the others.

We would like to ask for the support of council central staff in the Commission review. We will make the same request for staff consulting from the Executive but the Planning Commission may also conduct its own independent research and analysis and will provide you an answer as expeditiously as possible. We would like to further confer with you about your timeline and expectations with regards to the Planning Commission's other current priorities and work plan. The Commission stands ready to serve you.

cc: All Councilmembers  
Mayor Greg Nickels  
Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development